

**READY FOR YOUR DEPLOYMENT?
COMPLETE THIS
FAMILY READINESS CHECKSHEET
TO ENSURE YOUR FAMILY IS!**

- ____ Does your spouse know your organization First Sergeant's or Commander's name and phone number?
- ____ Does your spouse, parents, and in-laws know your social security number?
- ____ Is your spouse's I.D. card about to expire? If leaving for an extended period of time, has he/she, with your help, arranged for the paperwork for an I.D. card for any children who will turn 10 years of age before your return?
- ____ Has the car maintenance been discussed?
Who will your spouses take it to for repairs?
- ____ Does your spouse know what to do or who to call if something at home breaks?
- ____ Does your spouse understand the various agencies (such as the Family Support Center, Family Services, Air Force Aid, American Red Cross, Chaplain etc) and what each agency can do and when to contact them?
- ____ Does your spouse know and understand how to use the medical facilities and TRICARE? Does your spouse know who your children's pediatrician is and what his/her phone number is? Is your family enrolled in DEERS?
- ____ Does your spouse know the children's child care provider and alternate and their location? Does your spouse know when the children should be at school and when they should be with the child care provider?
- ____ Do you have a list of emergency numbers that your spouse can locate quickly?
- ____ If this deployment is for an extended period of time have you reached an agreement on frequency of letter writing? Does your spouse know your complete assignment/deployment address?
- ____ Have the children been included in discussions on where you are going, when you are coming back and why you are going?
- ____ Have you and your spouse made your wills? Are they current and in a convenient place?
- ____ Have you discussed the need for a power-of-attorney? This includes general and specialized. Have you taken adequate steps to ensure that no problems will occur if you and your spouse are withdrawing funds from the same account?
- ____ Does your spouse have an adequate allotment or access to funds? Is it enough to cover your rent, utilities, groceries, bills, and other expenditures that may occur?
- ____ If this TDY might lead to a PCS move while you are away, does your spouse know the process for moving your household goods if required? (Specialized power-of-attorney)
- ____ Have you and your spouse your mutual feelings on the assignment/deployment if for any period? Do you know how to best handle the reunion when you return?
- ____ Does your spouse know where important family documents are located?
- ____ Have you given your home a security check? Do all window locks work? Do the windows open or are they painted shut? What about the door locks? Have you secured the outside buildings? Does your spouse know the combination or have keys for locks? Does your spouse know how to test the smoke alarms?
- ____ Does your spouse, parents, and in-laws know how to reach you in an emergency?
- If you are not able to answer all of these questions with a "**YES**", your Family Readiness is probably not at the level it should be.
- For help to change those "**NO**" answers to "**YES**" contact your Family Support Center, 982-2695.